

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary**

Claims 1-42 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1-42 have been amended. New claims 43-45 have been added.

### **Rejection of Claims**

Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiRienzo et al. (U.S. Patent 6,076,066) in view of Montagna et al. (U.S. Patent 4,899,292).

Claim 1 is amended and recites a method for capturing line item data. The method receives claim identification information from a client computer which is a computer used by the claimant or the claim handler as defined in the specification. The method now presents an option to enter line item data through a web-based process or through a spreadsheet, the client computer is queried to determine whether a spreadsheet requires downloading and the spreadsheet is downloaded if required. This amendment clarifies the language of Claim 1. Both DiRienzo and Montagna fail to disclose or suggest the presenting of an option to a user for entering line item data through either a web-based process or a spreadsheet. Applicants submit that claim 1 now overcomes the rejection and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Dependent Claims 2-14 have been amended to reflect the terminology in claim 1. Further, the amendments to Claims 2-14 have added punctuation and removed matter or changed terminology to better clarify the claims. For instance, Claims 2-5 remove subject matter and add punctuation to clarify the meaning of the claims. Claims 6-14 reflect a change in terminology to relate to the change in terminology of Claim 1. Claims 2-14 depend directly, or indirectly, on independent claim 1 and include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit

that Claims 2-14 now overcome the rejection and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Claim 15 is amended and recites a system for capturing line item data. The claim now includes an option that is presented to a client computer to enter the line item data either through a spreadsheet or a web-based process. The amended language clarifies the subject matter of Claim 15. Neither DiRienzo nor Montangna disclose or suggest presenting an option to a user to enter line item data through either a web-based process or a spreadsheet. Applicants submit that Claim 15 now overcomes the rejection and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Dependent claims 16-28 have been amended to reflect the terminology of Claim 15 and add clarity and punctuation for grammatical reasons and add no new subject matter. For example, amendments to Claims 20-28 remove some subject matter to reflect the terminology of Claim 15 and add terminology to clarify the meaning of the claims. Claims 18-19, 24-25, and 27-28 remove subject matter and add punctuation to further clarify the meaning of the claims. Further, Claims 16-28 depend directly, or indirectly, on independent Claim 15 and include all of the limitations of independent Claim 15. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 16-28 now overcome the rejection and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Claim 29 is amended and recites a computer readable medium for capturing line item data. The amended claim includes an option to enter line item data through a web-based process or through a spreadsheet, and a client computer is queried to determine whether a spreadsheet requires downloading if the spreadsheet option is selected. The amended language clarifies the meaning of Claim 29. Neither DiRienzo nor Montangna disclose or suggest presenting an option to a user to enter line item data through a web-based process or a spreadsheet, much less query a client computer to determine whether a spreadsheet needs to be down-loaded. Applicants

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submit that Claim 29 now overcomes the rejection and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claims 30-42 have been amended to reflect the terminology in independent Claim 29. These amended claims add punctuation and language to clarify the meaning of the claims and reflect the terminology of Claim 29. Claims 31-33 and 41-42 remove language to provide clarity to the claims. Claims 34-40 reflect the change in terminology of Claim 29. Additionally, Claims 30-42 depend directly, or indirectly, on Claim 29 and include all of the limitations of independent Claim 29. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 30-42 now overcome the rejection and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Applicants have added new Claims 43-45.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of this response, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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